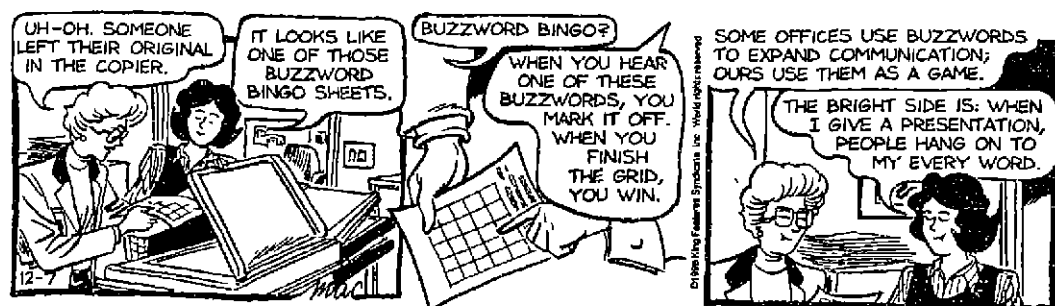


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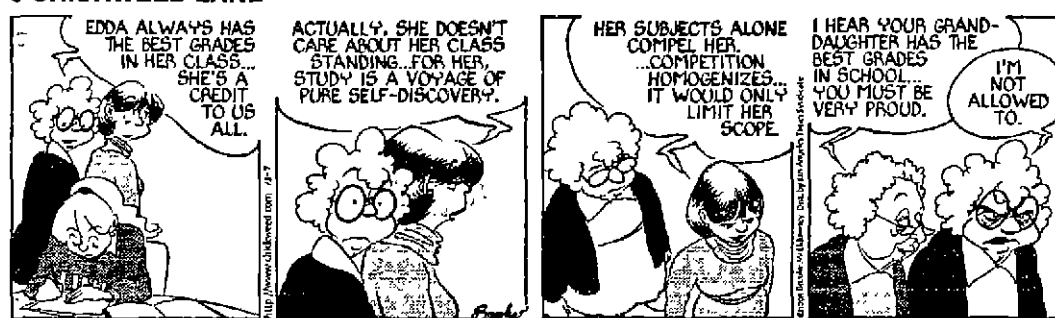
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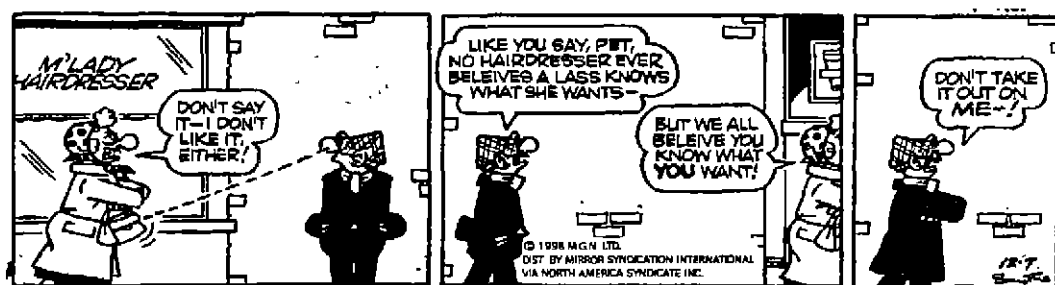
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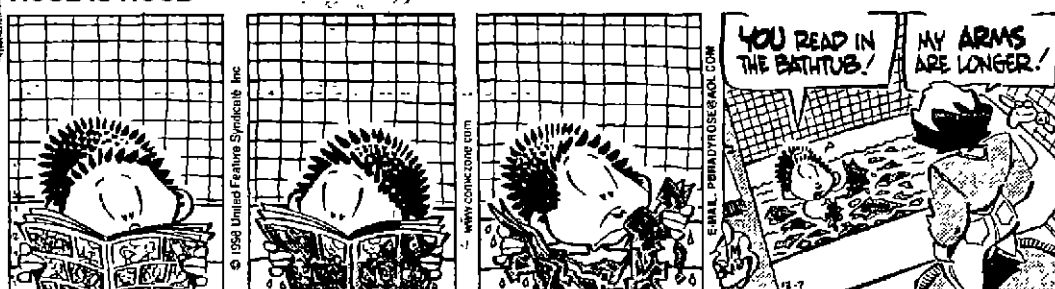
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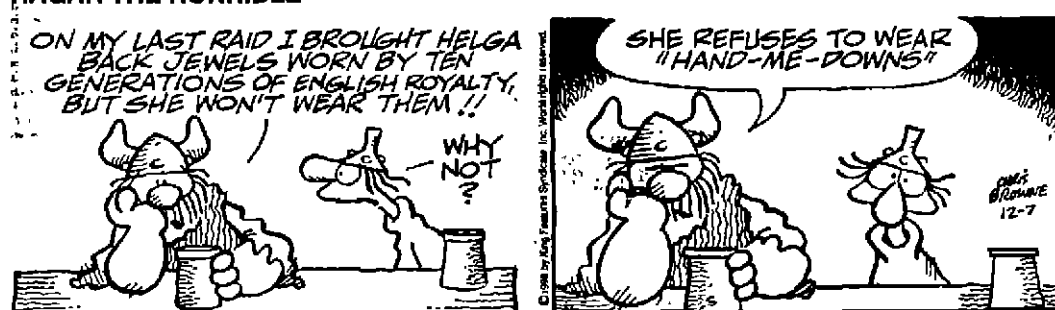
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



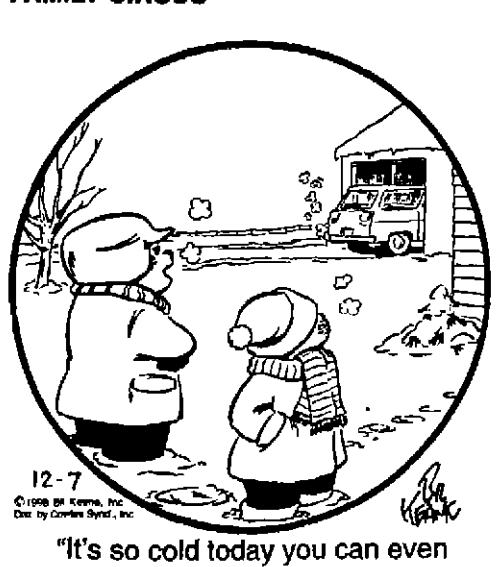
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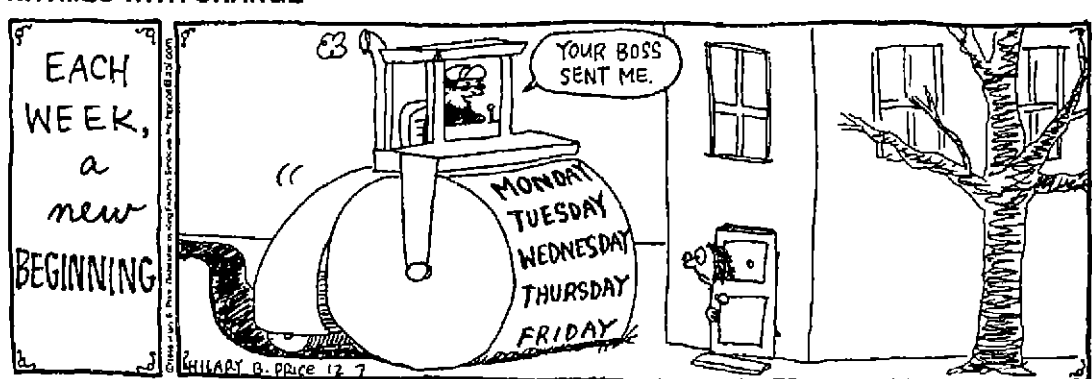
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



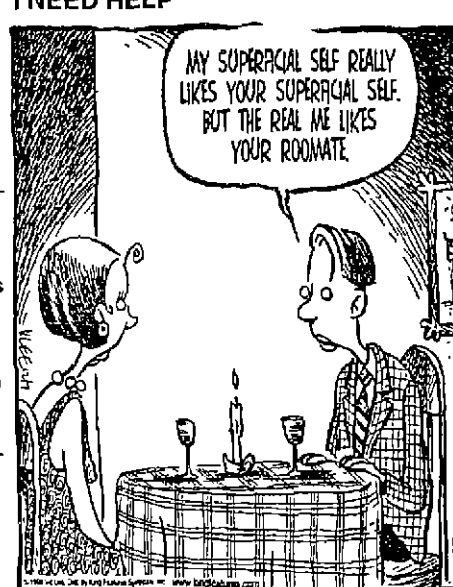
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Eli Wallach is 83. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 67. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 51. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 42. "Tonight Show" announcer Ed Hall is 40. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 40. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 32. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 23.

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 120-130 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 12-7-98

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WORD SLEUTH

Book —

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Saturday's unlisted clue: MERCURY
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: A PLACE TO BUY BOOKS

Awards	Collector	Plates	Shelves
Binding	Cover	Report	Title
Case	Lover	Sale	Worm
Club	Mark	Seller	

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1026

ACROSS

- Pitcher
- Egyptian vipers
- TV's Pyle
- Lose brilliancy
- Shed, as skin
- The "I" of IM
- Nonstop round-the-clock, informally
- Clement Moore's "right jolly old elf"
- Watches for
- longa, vita brevis
- Most optimistic
- NASA's Armstrong
- Stumped solvers' requests

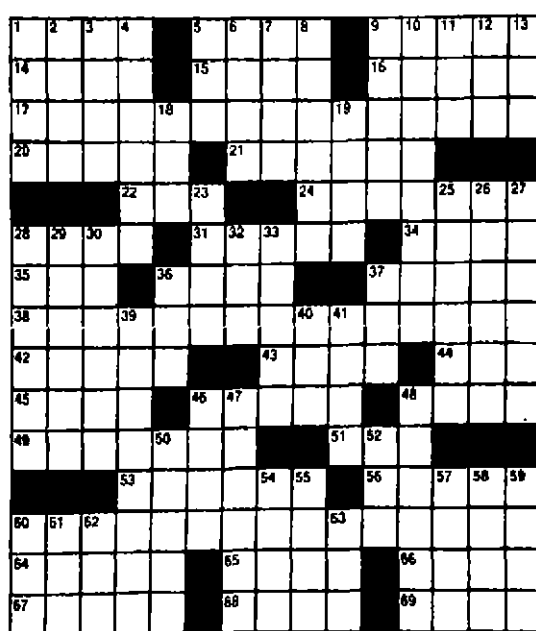
- COLVI doubled
- California's Fort
- Crunchy sandwich
- Raison
- Start of a free call
- Dress lines
- "No problem!"
- Not a particular
- From Santiago to Buenos Aires
- Cop's ID
- Actual being
- Olympian's no-no
- Boston Red
- Transcript listings
- Fire's start
- Boeing plane
- Teheran resident

DOWN

- Newts in transition
- Trumpet sound
- Genesis's garden
- Avis offering
- "Once in Love With"
- Parlor seat
- David Mamet's "Speed-the-"
- Jeb of Bull Run fame
- Essences
- Not balanced
- VH1 rival
- Before, once
- Skedaddled
- Road crew's supply
- Spanish streams
- Lively old dance
- Scenic film
- Epitaph
- Tempresses
- Do 60's clothing designs
- Snare parts
- Mr. Hemingway
- Think creatively
- bin ein Berliner
- Was aware of

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

INDASKET SHALOM
DEADLINE PATTINA
CABOODLE OPENED
ARB EDITOR AGOD
RELY OVERT MENE
DREAD ERASE RON
LIMN LCD INS
ARENA AGREE
ARE EKE TREE
SEC DEVAS SPACE
HALE AIDAN SLOG
ACID FLORAL GRO
MONICA RIGATONI
EDENIC ENGRAVES
DERATE DAYDREAM



Puzzle by Robert Dillman

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| 36 "the season..." | 54 Passage out | 59 Was in the loop |
| 37 Letters after Daniel Moynihan's name | 55 Breakthrough battle in Normandy | 60 Not guzzle |
| 39 Newly formed | 57 Stratford's stream | 61 Pitcher's stat |
| 40 Witch | 58 Completely fix | 62 Vehicle with sliding doors |
| 41 Applications | | 63 "You betcha!" |

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